



## ATTACHMENT A

### Remarks

By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 5, and 27 have (again) been amended to include the subject matter indicated by the examiner as being **allowable**; and consistent therewith, certain dependent claims from which the allowable subject matter was taken have been canceled. It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

In the *Allowable Subject Matter* section of the outstanding Office Action, the examiner indicated that independent claim 21 and claims 22 and 44-50 dependent therefrom were allowed.

Additionally in the *Allowable Subject Matter* section, the examiner indicated:

- 1) that claim 30 dependent from independent claim 1 contained allowable subject matter;
- 2) that claim 43 dependent from independent claim 5 contained allowable subject matter; and
- 3) that claim 61 dependent from independent claim 27 contained allowable subject matter.

Therefore, by this Amendment, independent claims 1, 5 and 27 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of respective dependent claims 30, 43 and 61 (which are now canceled).

In view of these amendments, the following claims are now allowable:

- 1) independent claim 1 and claims 2-4, 28-29, 31-32 and 34-38 dependent therefrom;

2) independent claim 5 and claims 7, 9-12, 15-18, 20, 39-40, and 42 dependent therefrom; and

3) independent claim 27 and claims 51-54 and 56-60 dependent therefrom.

In view of these amendments, all of the pending claims are now allowable and there are no other outstanding objections or rejections in this application.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.